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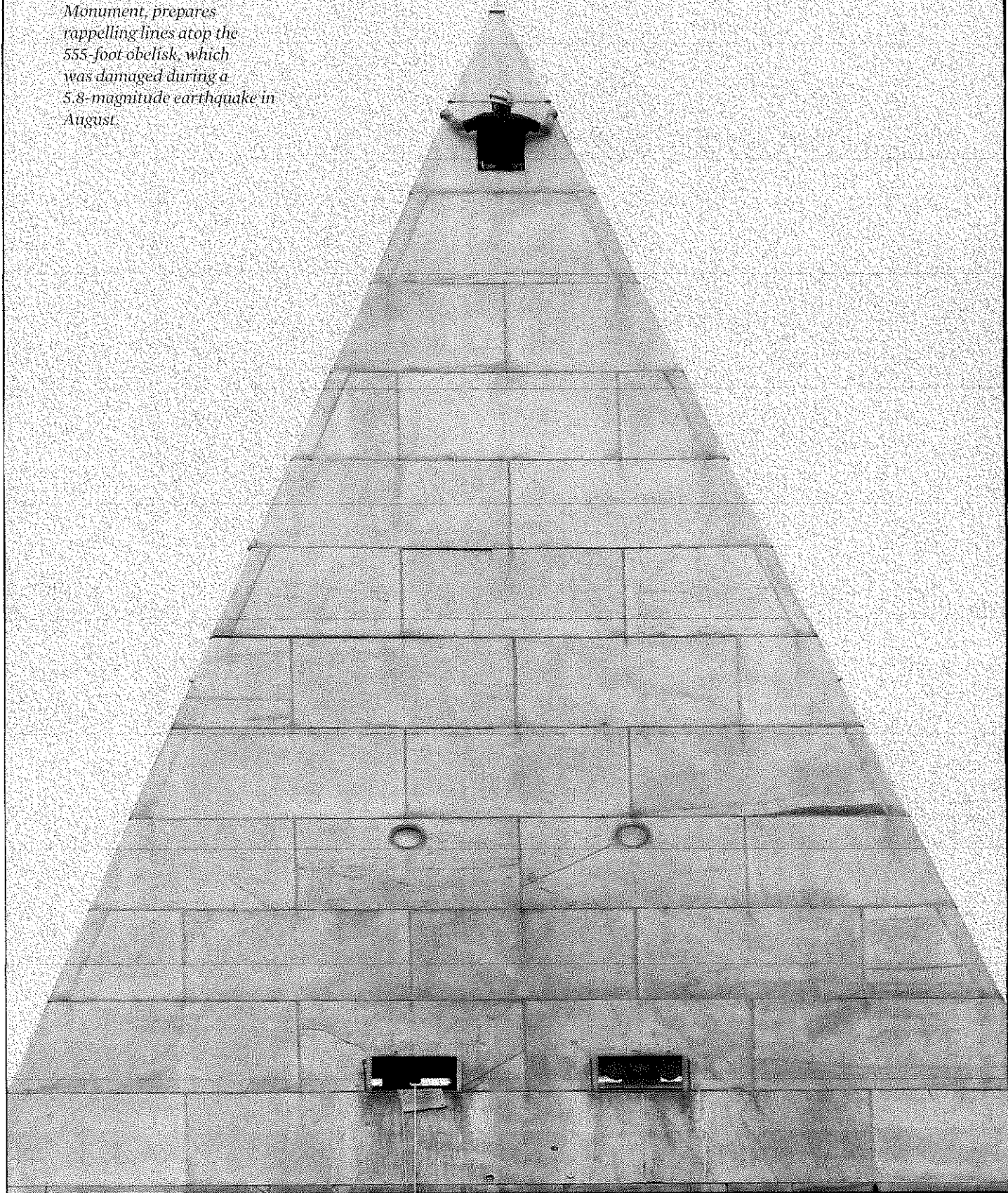
IMAGES FROM A YEAR OF ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY

FAIRLESS HILLS, PENNSYLVANIA, APRIL 6, 2011

Preparing for a town-hall event with President Barack Obama, a worker steams an American flag at Gamesa, a wind-turbine manufacturer near Philadelphia where the president discussed green-energy jobs.

WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

A worker with an Illinois-based engineering firm, hired to inspect the Washington Monument, prepares rappelling lines atop the 555-foot obelisk, which was damaged during a 5.8-magnitude earthquake in August.





NEW YORK, NEW YORK, OCTOBER 28, 2011
 Workers peer out from inside the Manhattan headquarters of JPMorgan Chase, as police officers stand guard in front of the bank. Hundreds of protesters from the Occupy Wall Street movement had marched to Midtown to deliver letters of complaint to investment firms they accused of greed.



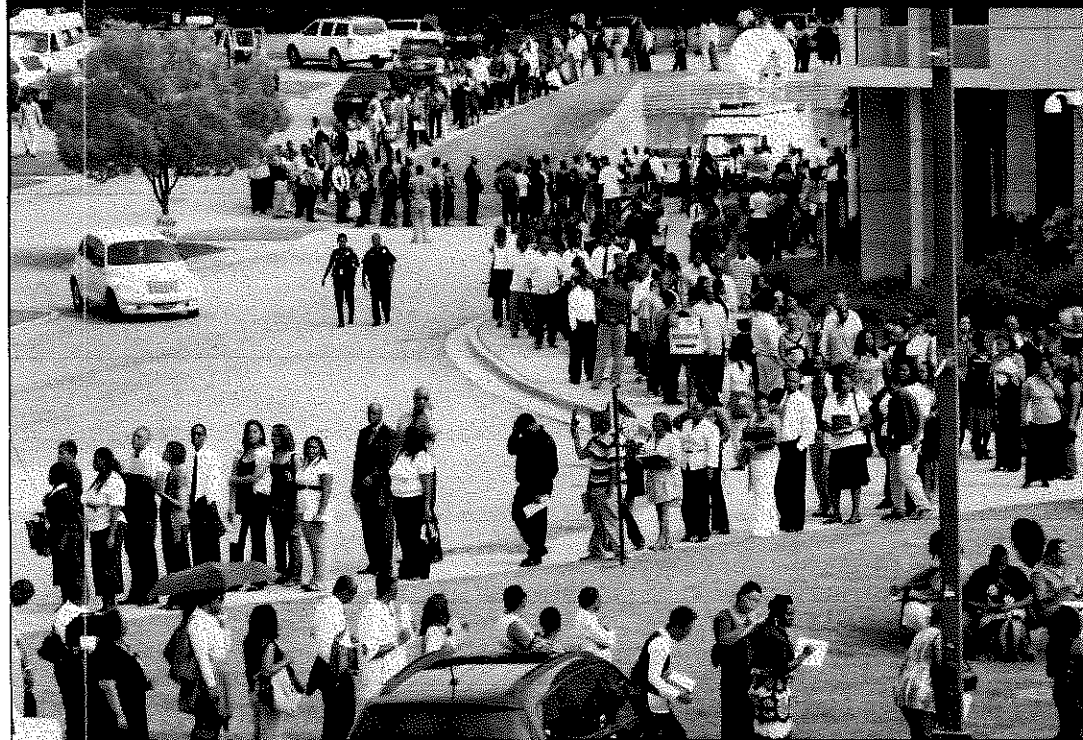
WEST LIBERTY, IOWA, JULY 8, 2011
 A teenager fills a bag of popcorn for a moviegoer at the New Strand Theater, whose owner blamed last summer's slumping ticket sales on the sagging economy.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 7, 2011

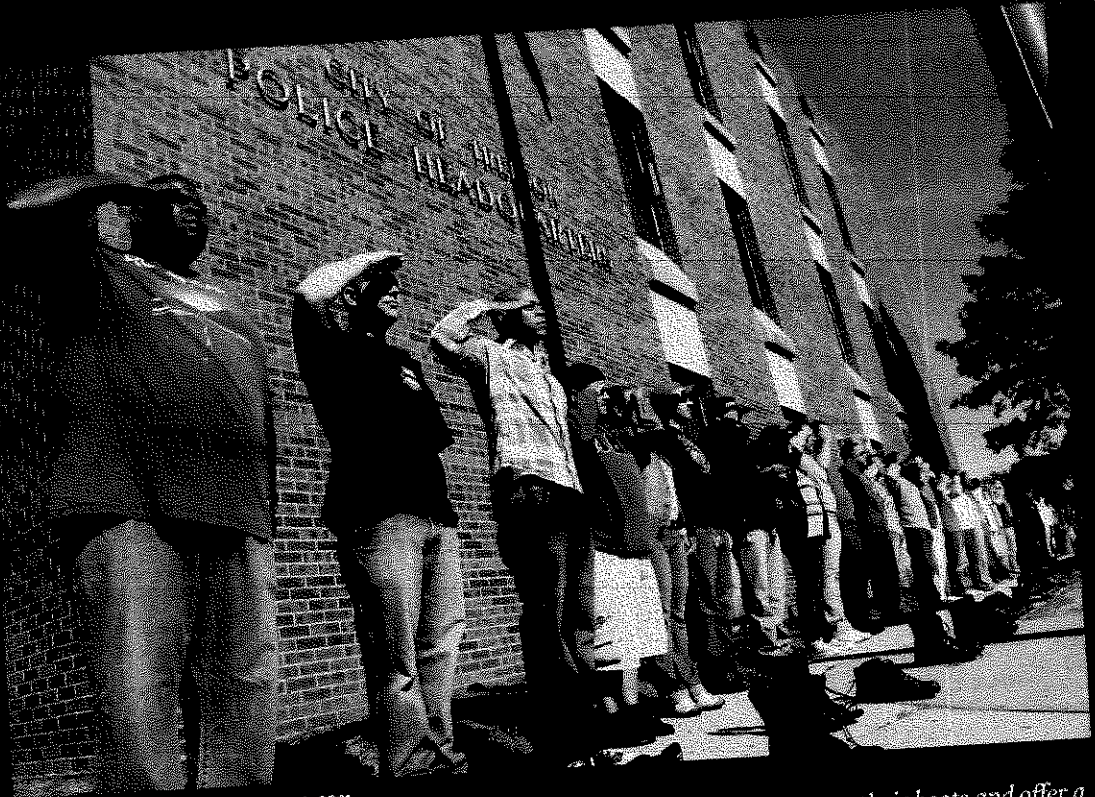
Kevin Systrom (standing), the CEO of Instagram, chats with engineers at the company, which launched in October 2010. Six months after its founding, the photo-sharing service had about 3 million users—and millions of dollars in funding. Nevertheless, Systrom has said he plans to keep his staff small.



ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AUGUST 18, 2011

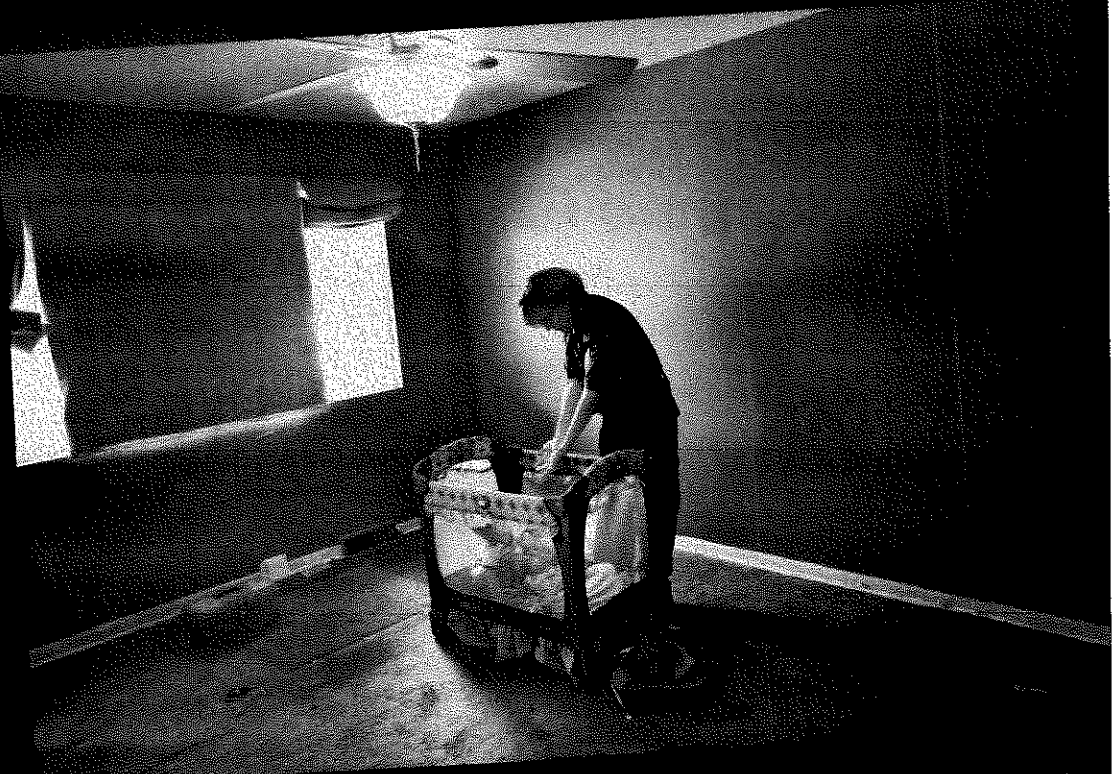
A line snakes down a sidewalk outside a job fair on the campus of Atlanta Technical College.

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TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

On a day when more than 100 of them lost their jobs, laid-off police officers line up their boots and offer a final salute.



MILLIKEN, COLORADO, OCTOBER 5, 2011

A sheriff's deputy removes a toddler from a crib during a foreclosure eviction. The home's owner had stopped paying her mortgage nearly a year earlier, after her child-care business began to collapse. Her family's belongings were placed in the front yard, and the door locks were changed.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK,

SEPTEMBER 2, 2011

During a week of tough news—national jobs figures released were the worst in nearly a year—a trader mans his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.



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PCG	41.51	41.53	CBL	13.66	13.67
CEG	38.18	38.20	EE	33.66	33.67
CLI	30.39	30.42	EGN	46.85	46.90
GRT	8.21	8.22	EGP	39.36	39.42
VNO	84.19	84.22	EXL	10.37	10.34
POR	23.57	23.58	COR	15.61	15.61
ROK	69.35	69.41	UNS	37.11	37.13
PSA	120.16	120.16	STAG	10.71	10.73
CNP	19.49	19.50	EDPL	29.95	29.96
WRI	23.84	23.85	FCH	3.00	3.01

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